

Future Oswestry Meeting

Key actions of meeting held on 26th February 2021 via Zoom

Notes	Detail	
Attendees	Cllr Chris Schofield, OTC, Cllr Steve Charmley, SC, Cllr Sandy Best, OTC, Cllr Robert Macey, SC, Adele Nightingale, BID, Arren Roberts, OTC, Joe Bubb, SC, Sarah Jones, SC, Hayley Owen, SC, Andy Wigley, SC, Steve Brown, SC, Sam Jones, SC, Ian Follington, BID	
Apologies	Corrie Davies, SC Andy Morris, SC	
Declarations of Interest	None received	
Priority Projects		Action
High Streets Heritage Action Zone	<p>Matters Arising: HSHAZ Board has been set up and meets monthly.</p> <p>Update by Samantha Jones</p> <p>19 Expressions of Interest received (9 shopfront & 10 Repurposing grants) which are eligible and have been discussed at the HSHAZ Board in January. These EOIs will be invited to come forward as full applications. Two application forms have now been received. Applicants will need to undertake conditions survey and permissions will be required. Anticipated that the applications will be presented to the HSHAZ Board in April.</p> <p>Feasibility work to test the vision and business plan for the proposed flagship proposal for business incubation will consider a range of sites. Historic England require spend to be committed by mid-March. Discussed use of master plan consultants for the feasibility work to expediate the work. Meeting with agents planned – the discussion will feed into the planned work.</p> <p>Valuations for buildings highlighted for potential flagship projects will be undertaken. Property Service group will undertake conditions surveys for properties identified.</p> <p>Design ideas for the alleys to be explored. Any designs would be shared publicly for comments.</p> <p>Community Engagement Plan in development and social media has been set up.</p> <p>Cultural Consortium application for funding the 3 year cultural programme has been submitted to Historic England. Awaiting a response from Historic England.</p>	Done

<p>Indicative masterplan and movement / access strategy</p>	<p>The masterplan is still in the very early stages and draws on research and previous studies in addition to discussions, initial engagement with key partners and stakeholders and the promoted online survey.</p> <p>The masterplan presentation highlights areas of potential development; movement and access strategic thinking; and public realm opportunities. Ongoing discussions will help further shape potential proposals and actions that could and should be worked up in the short, medium and long term.</p> <p>The key stakeholder workshop (virtual) is to be held on 4 March 2021. Format to include break-out sessions around the key themes. Following the presentation, it is proposed that themed workshops will be held with key stakeholders and partners.</p> <p>A workshop with 30 students is also planned.</p> <p>Press coverage prior to workshop has given the perception that decisions have been made, with issues and concerns being raised as a result. Individual responses to these are being made.</p>	
<p>Traffic Regulations Review update</p>	<p>Matters Arising: Oswestry Transport Assessment to be linked into wider master planning work and updates to be provided.</p> <p>Planter to be removed by OTC.</p> <p>Update by Steve Brown</p> <p>Previous concerns on Bailey Head have been addressed in current TRO.</p> <p>Follow up discussions to be held.</p>	<p>SB</p> <p>AR</p>
<p>Wayfinding including signage for the industrial estate</p>	<p>Matters Arising: Meetings have been held re pilot signs and proposed signage with multiple teams within SC.</p> <p>Update</p> <p>Yellow lines at Maes y Clawdd – response anticipated later this week prior to consultation with businesses.</p> <p>Lorry parking discussion held with OTC, SC, BID and the Cattle Market. Planning considerations to be considered. Follow up meeting to be arranged.</p>	<p>Cllr SC to raise with SC</p> <p>AN</p> <p>HO</p>

<p>Review of the Oswestry Town Bus Service</p>	<p>Matters Arising: Separate meetings to discuss the Bus Review held on 16/12/20 & 11/2/21.</p> <p>Discussed content of a survey to be drafted. Will need to consider long term aspirations and possible outcomes from the movement and transport work as part of the master planning work.</p>	<p>JB to contact James Willocks for update.</p>
<p>Capital Infrastructure works</p>	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OTC formal responses on planning portal noted and response provided. • Online consultation for pre-application for Oswestry Innovation Park noted. • Officer meeting to be arranged to consider future funding opportunities including LEP once further details are known <p>Update</p> <p>Work has begun on the Mile End roundabout in recent weeks as Shropshire Council and contractors Balfour Beatty begin to undertake works including the installation of the Contractor's compound and ongoing ground investigations. An updated newsletter is in preparation which will be shared.</p> <p>The application for planning permission for the overbridge across the A5 linking the Oswestry Innovation Park with the Sustainable Urban Extension site is currently being considered as an addendum to the planning application for the road improvements.</p> <p>Work has been ongoing by the council to test the potential for prospective employment and commercial development usage on the OIP through feasibility and development appraisal work.</p> <p>The funding secured from the Marches LEP and Homes England's Housing Infrastructure Fund will support the wider programme of activities including the road improvements, bridge and other associated works to support the development of the Oswestry Innovation Park. The cost of the bridge is around £1.7 million.</p>	<p>JB</p> <p>JB</p>
<p>Governance</p>	<p>To ratify the governance arrangements for the HSHAZ, a report will be presented to SC Cabinet in March.</p>	<p>JB</p>

<p>Communications and Engagement Plan</p>	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>Contribution of OTC with OTC logo acknowledged in HSHAZ grants awarded / schemes</p> <p>Update:</p> <p>Draft web pages to be circulated for comments.</p> <p>Option for BID to host the Future Oswestry page to be checked out.</p>	<p>JB</p> <p>JB to check</p>
<p>AOB</p>	<p>OTC has commissioned Berrys to undertake study on Central car park.</p> <p>AR has spoken to Shaun McCarthy at SC re feasibility work to consider options for land on the Sustainable Urban Extension for recreation activities. OTC to formally write to Ian Kilby and Steve Law at SC.</p> <p>Given the level of interest received on the Edinburgh Woollen Mill, expressions of interest will be formally invited.</p> <p>IT infrastructure meeting held with Chris Taylor, SC. Still awaiting further details to be announced.</p>	<p>Under Review</p> <p>AR</p> <p>AR</p> <p>AN to follow up</p>
<p>Date of next meeting</p>	<p>Future Oswestry meeting to be arranged for March</p>	<p>JB</p>